

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1981

March 27, 2011

SUMMARY OF BILL: Eliminates the statutory cap of 90 public charter schools. Removes the authority of a local education agency to deny the application of a public charter school on the basis that approval might exceed the statutory cap. Removes the requirement that upon approval of a public charter school application, the chartering authority must notify the Department of Education (DOE) so that DOE can determine whether the charter school will be under the statutory cap.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Removing the cap on the number of charter schools will have no impact on the number of charter schools opening until the current cap of 90 is reached. Currently, 29 charter schools are operating and 11 new schools are scheduled to open for the 2011-12 school year.
- The charter school application process will be unchanged.
- Statutory restrictions on student eligibility will continue.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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